GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2604
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CONSULTANCY FEE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DAE paid a sum of Rs.50.12 crores towardsconsultancy fee for two plants whereas it was to be paid/utilised for 12 plants;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any prior permission was taken before making the payment;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government propose to hold enquiry into the matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER O STATE INTHE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFA OF THEMINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) The design and consultancy expenditure of Rs.50.12 crore up to end March 1998 includes Rs.46.47 crore towards. TAPP-3&4 (2x500 MWe), Rs.2.36 crore towards RAPP-5 to 8 (4x500 MWe) and Rs.1.29 crore towards Kaiga-3 to 6 (4x220 MWe).

The design and consultancy expenditure towards the first 2x500 MWe project (TAPP-3&4) includes warks which arecommon to TAPP-3&4 and future 500 MWe units and worksspecific to TAPP-3&4. The common design and consultancyworks are necessarily to be carried out irrespective of the number of 500 MWe units that may be set up as per the programme. Therefore, this expenditure will have to be borne by the first unit, that is TAPP-3&4. In future 500 MWe units, the common works already carried out need not be repeated while site specific design and consultancy works as necessary will be carried out and to that extent the expenditure on design and consultancy will be propo- rtionately lower.

(c) All payments were made in accordance with the contracts which were approved by the respective competent authorities.

(d) to (f) Does not arise in view of the (c) above.